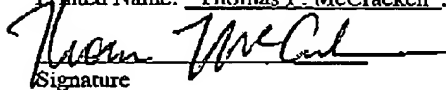


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Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action in the above-referenced application, mailed 13 May 2002, and having a shortened one month statutory period for response. Accordingly, a four-month extension of time to respond is requested, and the petition and fee therefor accompanies this paper.